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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM AF EG  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) STATE 126022, (B) KABUL 3933

1. SUMMARY: CHARGE CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF A MAY 18 WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY HASSAN, AS MOST SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL QUICKLY AVAILABLE. HASSAN STATED THAT AFGHAN PRIME MINISTER TARAQI AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BARAK HAD ALREADY RAISED WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR KABUL RUMORS OF MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, WHICH THEY FLATLY DENIED. IN LIGHT THESE DISCUSSIONS HASSAN DOUBTED DESIRABILITY OR UTILITY OF DEMARCHE BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER OUR REQUEST CAREFULLY AND AT LEAST TO INSTRUCT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR ELIOT. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOE WILL TREAD CAREFULLY ON THIS ISSUE  
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AND ITS INFLUENCE IN ANY CASE MAY NOT BE VERY GREAT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REF A CHARGE RAISED WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY HASSAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. LEAVING HIM ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS  
SANITIZED VERSION OF REPORTED ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS IN

REF B. CHARGE ASKED FOR ANY HARD INFORMATION GOE MAY HAVE RECEIVED ON SUBJECT, SINCE MUCH OF OUR INFORMATION WAS BASED ON RUMORS. STRESSING THAT OUR SUGGESTION WAS BASED PURELY ON HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, CHARGE ASKED THAT IF GOE SHARED OUR CONCERN IT MAKE APPROACH PARALLEL TO THAT OF AMBASSADOR ELIOT TO NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ON AN URGENT BASIS. CHARGE ALSO EXPLAINED WHY WE FELT EGYPT MIGHT BE A GOOD CHOICE TO MAKE THIS APPROACH IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT SEEM TO AFGHANS TO BE PART OF A COORDINATED SERIES OF DEMARCHES.

3. AFTER LISTENING CAREFULLY, HASSAN REPORTED THAT AFTER EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN KABUL HAD PRESENTED NOTE TO AFGHAN MFA CONSTITUTING RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME, HE HAD BEEN GRANTED AUDIENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER ON SAME DAY. TARAQI HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO STRESS AFGHANISTAN'S DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND TO DENY WIDESPREAD RUMORS OF KILLINGS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD HAD MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BARAK, WHO REITERATED PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS AND ASSERTED THAT ONLY 35 PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED. HASSAN SAID THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD MADE CLEAR IN THESE DISCUSSIONS EGYPT'S SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION TO INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS.

4. HASSAN NOTED THAT TARAQI'S FIRST COMMUNIQUE AFTER  
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MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD PUBLICLY STRESSED DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE AND THE PALESTINIANS. HASSAN ALSO SAID EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD SENT LONG ANALYSIS OF SITUATION; UNFORTUNATELY, IMPORTANT PART OF THE MESSAGE WAS MISSING OR GARBLED. FROM THIS ASSESSMENT GOE HAD STRONG IMPRESSION THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BARAK WAS REAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY AND FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT HE HAD WISHED TO SEE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SO SOON AFTER COUP.

5. HASSAN SAID THAT HE WOULD REVIEW INFORMATION WE HAD ON ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS AND LET US KNOW IF GOE COULD SUPPLEMENT OR CONFIRM OUR REPORTS. WITH REGARD TO OUR SUGGESTION FOR DEMARCHE BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO FOLLOW UP AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S, HASSAN SAID GOE WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THIS IDEA, BUT HIS OWN INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT A FURTHER DEMARCHE COMING ON THE HEELS OF DISCUSSIONS EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY HAD WITH TWO MOST SENIOR OFFICIALS OF AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HE ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S OWN APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE. HASSAN ALSO ASKED WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES WE WERE DISCUSSING

THIS SUGGESTION WITH AND CHARGE INFORMED HIM OF ACTION  
ADDRESSEES REF A, TO WHICH HASSAN NOTED WITH INTEREST  
ABSENCE OF IRAN.

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6. IN RESPONSE TO HASSAN'S COMMENT THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD  
BE BEST TO WAIT A FEW DAYS TO SEE WHETHER TARAKI AND BARAK  
LIVED UP TO THEIR ASSURANCES TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR,  
CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT LIVES WERE INDEED AT STATE RIGHT  
NOW AND THAT INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SEEMED TO  
CONTRADICT AFGHAN ASSURANCES. CHARGE ASKED THAT GOE GIVE  
MATTER URGENT CONSIDERATION AND SUGGESTED THAT EGYPTIAN  
AMBASSADOR BE INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH HIS AMERICAN  
COLLEAGUE ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. HASSAN AGREED TO CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTION ON URGENT  
BASIS, TO INFORM US PROMPTLY OF GOE VIEWS AND AT LEAST  
TO INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT.

8. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DESPITE GOE'S GENUINE  
ABOUT ANTAGONIZING NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. EGYPT IS  
FEELING SOMEWHAT ISOLATED AT THE MOMENT AND IS ANXIOUS  
LTO HAVE ALL THE FRIENDS IT CAN GET. HASSAN MAY REALISTICAL  
BE CORRECT IN HIS INITIAL VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-  
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PRODUCTIVE FOR EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO MAKE DEMARCHE SO  
SOON AFTER HAVING HAD DIRECT DENIAL OF CURRENT RUMORS FROM  
TWO TOP AFGHAN OFFICIALS.

9. EMBASSY ALSO WONDERS JUST HOW MUCH INFLUENCE EGYPT  
REALLY HAS IN THIS MATTER. DAOUD VISITED EGYPT WITH  
SOME FANFARE AND MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF WARM RELATIONS  
JUST BEFORE BEING OVERTHROWN. ALTHOUGH AFGHANS MAY NOT  
HAVE PICKED IT UP, SADAT DID REFER DISPARANGINGLY TO  
AFGHAN COUP IN HIS MAY 2 LABOR DAY SPEECH IN WHICH HE  
ASSERTED THAT EGYPT WOULD HAVE HAD A "RED REVOLUTION" AS  
IN KABUL IF IT HAD NOT HAD ITS OWN "WHITE REVOLUTION" IN  
1972.

10. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HASSAN PROMPTLY. MATTHEWS

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